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Subject: Support the Proposed Decision to Reject A1105023

Please support Administrative Law Judge Yacknin's 11/20/2012 decision rejecting SDG&E's application 1105023 for the Quail Brush, Pio Pico, and Escondido gas plants. These fossil fuel plants use inefficient pollution generating technology for unneeded power and will not move California toward the achievement of its sustainable clean energy goals established by Governor Brown. The CPUC charter is to "serve the public interest by protecting consumers and ensuring the provision of safe, reliable utility service and infrastructure at reasonable rates, with a commitment to environmental enhancement and a healthy California economy." Quail Brush goes against those goals, now is the time to exercise your charter.

Contrary to claims by SDG&E and Cogentrix—who solely seek to build this plant for financial gain—this plant is not needed. SDG&E's peak demand growth has been relatively static for seven years, swinging somewhat above and below 4,500 MW. Peak demand has varied from 4,601 MW in 2007 to 4,643 MW in 2010 to 4,619 MW in 2012. In other years the peak demand has been well below 4,600 MW. I object to SDG&E profiting by selling the gas and the electricity for a double increase, while tax-paying citizens suffer from the related health impacts and paying increased utility rates to build these unnecessary fossil fuel plants.

I support the use of efficient local rooftop / parking lot solar energy for any future needed peaking power generation. Peak periods occur during Santa Ana conditions when plenty of sun is available for power generation. San Diego county and the state of California have a special opportunity to be leaders in the movement to reduce greenhouse gases and promote truly renewable and clean energy sources.

In asking you to reject SDG&E's application, I am joining with thousands of local residents, Democrat Assembly Member Marty Block, Republican Assembly Member Brian Jones, San Diego Mayor Bob Filner, and the San Diego City Council, Santee Mayor Randy Voepel and the Santee City Council who oppose the Quail Brush project.

I strongly urge you to uphold the decision of the Administrative Law Judge.

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